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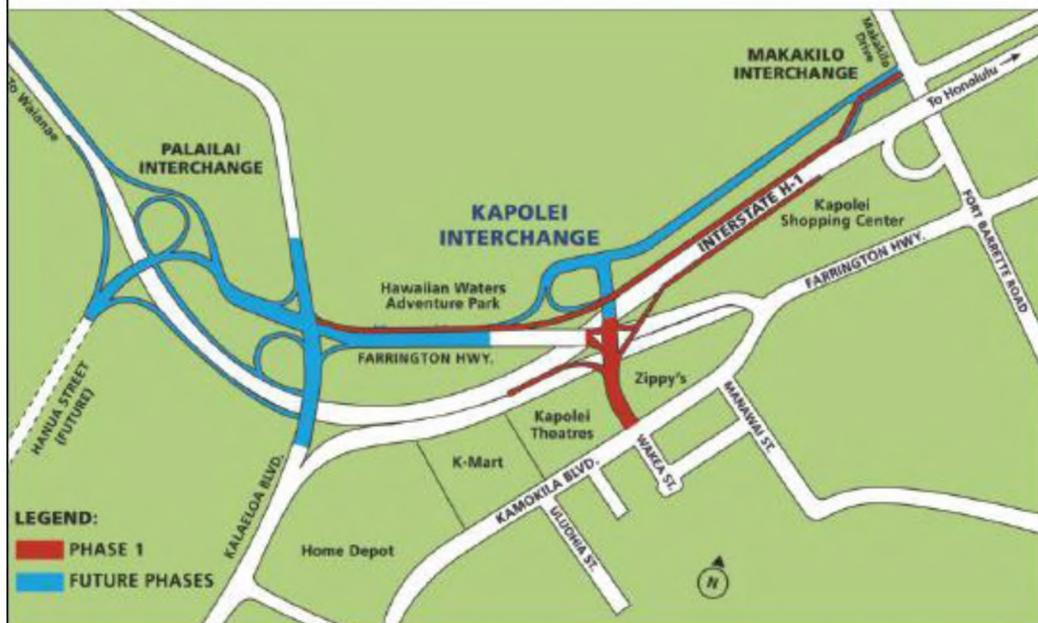
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On the Move in Kapolei

State and City transportation projects are easing traffic flow



Kapolei Interchange Complex

(Left and above): The Kapolei Interchange is a public-private partnership between the federal and state governments and Kapolei Property Development, an affiliate of the James Campbell Company, which contributed \$6 million to the project. (Above L-R): Dave Rae, senior vice president of Kapolei Property Development; Brennon Morioka, state Department of Transportation director; Irene Hirano Inouye and Senator Dan Inouye; Steve MacMillan, James Campbell Company president and CEO; and Brad Myers, president, Kapolei Property Development.

DRIVERS HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING GREAT RELIEF as they make their way in and around the Kapolei area using the City & County of Honolulu's Kamokila Boulevard Extension opened earlier this year, and the recently dedicated State Department of Transportation's North-South Road interchange. More improvements are on their way, as construction moves ahead on phase 1 of the Kapolei Interchange, another State project that will make an immense difference to traffic going in and out of the City of Kapolei when it opens in 2010.

Kamokila Boulevard Extension

This joint project between the City and Kapolei Property Development connects Kamokila Boulevard from Kapolei Parkway to Roosevelt Avenue, between Costco and the Kapolei Court Complex under construction. The extension gives motorists another East-West route to improve traffic flow in and around Kapolei.

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City Transportation
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North-South Road

This three-phase four-lane State highway project is intended to bring traffic relief to both Ewa and Kapolei communities and serve as a main artery for the University of Hawaii West Oahu campus and East Kapolei residential communities. The project is being built with \$40.8 million in federal funds earmarked by U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye for two Kapolei transportation projects, and will connect Kapolei Parkway, Farrington Highway and the H-1 Freeway. The just-opened interchange connects H-1 Freeway to Farrington Highway. The final phase will complete the connection between Farrington Highway and Kapolei Parkway. The entire road is expected to open in early 2010.

Kapolei Interchange

Phase 1 of the State's Kapolei Interchange Complex project is the second project being funded by the federal funds secured by Senator Inouye for Kapolei. (See profile on page 6.) Kapolei Property Development also



contributed \$6 million in land, design and construction funds. The State broke ground in July 2009 on this phase, which consists of a new H-1 Freeway on- and off-ramp for the new interchange at Kamokila Boulevard at Wakea Street, as well as a new westbound freeway off-ramp near the Wet 'n Wild Hawaii water park. The new westbound on-ramp at the Makakilo Interchange will also provide motorists with access to the H-1 Freeway at Makakilo Drive. Completion of this phase is scheduled for late 2010.

"This new interchange will provide more choices for motorists in the Kapolei area," said Brennon Morioka, State Department of Transportation director. "It is one of several new projects planned for this area that will benefit both businesses and residents as the area continues to develop."

Honolulu Rail Transit Project

The City's planned 20-mile Honolulu Rail Transit Project connecting East

Kapolei with downtown Honolulu and Ala Moana Center is still expected to break ground by the end of the year. The project is meant to help relieve traffic congestion along the heavily traveled east-west corridor, and support anticipated growth in the Kapolei region.

"Along with dealing with the region's transportation needs, rail transit and our city road construction projects will create thousands of much-needed jobs in the area," said city transportation director Wayne Yoshioka. "No other single project in Hawaii, in the public or private sector, can create as many jobs or generate as much economic activity as rail."

Thanks to the efforts of U.S. Sen. Dan Inouye, the rail project has received initial federal funding of nearly \$40 million, with the prospects of another \$30 million this year. The project just received federal approval that keeps it eligible for more than \$1.5 billion in federal construction money, when all hurdles are cleared. ■